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(U) Carlsbad – Satellite Firm Probes Suspected Cyberattack in Europe, Ukraine

(U) California based satellite communications firm Viasat Inc. said yesterday it was investigating a suspected cyberattack that caused a partial outage in its residential broadband services in Ukraine and other European countries. Viasat said a third-party cybersecurity firm was looking into the causes of an outage in recent days across its KA-SAT network, which provides high-speed satellite internet coverage in Europe and Mediterranean markets. The outage could have been due to a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack, media reported yesterday. Such attacks hit a number of Ukrainian banks and government websites shortly before Russia's invasion last week.

SOURCE: 28 February 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Los Angeles – Man Pleads Guilty to Setting Fire During May 2020 Protests

(U) A man charged with setting fire to the Hancock Park building that houses Pizzeria Mozza during May 2020 protests over the murder of George Floyd pleaded guilty yesterday to a federal arson charge. Mario Ernesto Alvarado, 44, was indicted in August 2020 on one count of arson for setting fire to the commercial building, according to federal prosecutors. He walked into the building on 30 May 2020, the second night of civil unrest across Los Angeles, sprayed a flammable liquid on the ground and set a fire, prosecutors said. Alvarado changed his initial not-guilty plea as part of an agreement with the federal government.

SOURCE: 28 February 2022, [Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) Sacramento – Man Kills Four, Himself, During Supervised Visit at Sacramento Church

(U) A gunman killed his three children, their chaperone, and himself during a court-supervised visit yesterday evening at a church in Sacramento, authorities said. The gunman's children were 15 and younger, officials said Monday night. Law enforcement sources said the shooter used an AR-15-style semiautomatic rifle. Sheriff Scott Jones said at an evening news conference that the mother of the three was notified of the tragedy while she was out of town. The adult appointed by a court to supervise the visit was likely to have been someone amenable to both mother and father, he said. Authorities described the father as the subject of a restraining order, possibly as part of a "domestic" case.

SOURCE: 28 February 2022, [NBC News](#)

(U) San Francisco – California State Bar Investigates After Records Published Online

(U) The State Bar of California is investigating a data breach after learning that a website published confidential information about 260,000 attorney discipline cases in California. As of Saturday night, all the confidential information that had been published on the website judyrecords.com had been removed. The records included case numbers, file dates, information about the types of cases and their statuses, respondent and complaining witnesses' names. The State Bar allows the public to search for case information, but discipline details are not supposed to be available publicly.

SOURCE: 28 February 2022, [Associated Press](#)

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(U) NATIONAL

(U) Iowa – Tire Factory Hit by Cyberattack

(U) Des Moines – Managers at the Bridgestone-Firestone tire factory in Des Moines sent workers home Sunday after learning that hackers may have compromised the international corporation's data systems. Emily Weaver, Director of Communications for Bridgestone Americas, said in a statement yesterday that company officials are investigating the "information security incident." She said Bridgestone managers disconnected computers at many Latin American and North American factories, though she did not say which locations the company thinks were hacked.

SOURCE: 28 February 2022, [Des Moines Register](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Japan – Toyota Suspends Production After Cyberattack

(U) Tokyo – Toyota Motor Corp said it will suspend domestic factory operations today, losing around 13,000 cars of output, after a supplier of plastic parts and electronic components was hit by a suspected cyberattack. No information was immediately available about who was behind the possible attack or the motive. The attack comes just after Japan joined Western allies in clamping down on Russia after it invaded Ukraine, although it was not clear if the attack was at all related. Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said his government would investigate the incident and whether Russia was involved. Kishida on Sunday announced that Japan would join the United States and other countries in blocking some Russian banks from accessing the SWIFT international payment system. He also said Japan would give Ukraine \$100 million in emergency aid.

SOURCE: 28 February 2022, [Reuters](#)

(U) Philippines – Three Killed During Military Attack on Terror Camp

(U) Cagayan De Oro – Philippine troops backed by fighter jets attacked a remote camp today of Muslim militants linked to the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) in a predawn assault in the country's south that left two insurgents and a soldier dead, military officials said. Two soldiers were wounded in the assault on the camp of about 50 Dawlah Islamiya group fighters near the town of Manguing in Lanao del Sur province. Air force fighter jets dropped a dozen bombs as army troops launched a ground attack, said regional military commander Lt. General Alfredo Rosario Jr. Members of Dawlah Islamiya were involved in a 2017 siege of southern Marawi city, where hundreds of militants waving ISIS group-style black flags occupied commercial buildings and villages and took hostages. Filipino troops, backed by US and Australian surveillance aircraft, quelled the five-month siege, which left about 1,200 people dead, mostly militants.

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